

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3297
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. CONTRACT FOR OPTIC FIBRE CABLE
BENI PRASAD VERMA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the IRCON and RITES Company were awarded contract to put optic fibre cable on some railway routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these two companies in connivance with the other two entered into a joint venture without seeking approval from the Railways; and
- (d) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard? Answer

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)&(b) IRCON & RITES were not awarded any contract for putting optifibre cable on some Railway routes. However, agreements were signed with IRCON and RITES for establishing optic fibre cable links on Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai and Mumbai-Pune Chennai routes respectively. It has since been decided to cancel these agreements, in view of Indian Railways' newly announced programme for comprehensive exploitation of right of way across the country, through a professionally managed corporate body.

(c)&(d) Do not arise. $\hat{\alpha} \in \hat{\alpha} \in \hat{\alpha} \in \hat{\alpha}$